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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Office of Dietary Supplements 2015-2020 Strategic Plan Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has initiated a strategic planning process that will culminate in the ODS Strategic Plan for 2015-2020. To assist with this process, the ODS requests input from research communities—academic, government, and industry—and from other interested parties.

**DATES:** In order to ensure full consideration, all responses must be submitted by midnight, March 6, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals and organizations should submit their responses to [ODSplan@od.nih.gov](mailto:ODSplan@od.nih.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The overall purpose of the strategic planning effort is to identify both new opportunities and emerging needs for incorporation in the programmatic efforts of the Office. A background paper, ODS Strategic Plan 2010-2014 Progress Report, summarizes progress in five key areas of ODS activities. The background paper and related information are available on the ODS website at <http://ods.od.nih.gov/strategicplan>.

Guidance is being requested from all interested parties on these important issues.

- Are the current strategic goals adequate?
- Is ODS meeting its stakeholders' needs?
- In the future, should some of ODS's current programs or activities be given higher (or lower) priority?
- How can ODS more effectively provide useful information to the ODS user community, including consumers, investigators, practitioners, industry, media, policy makers, government, and other interested parties?

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